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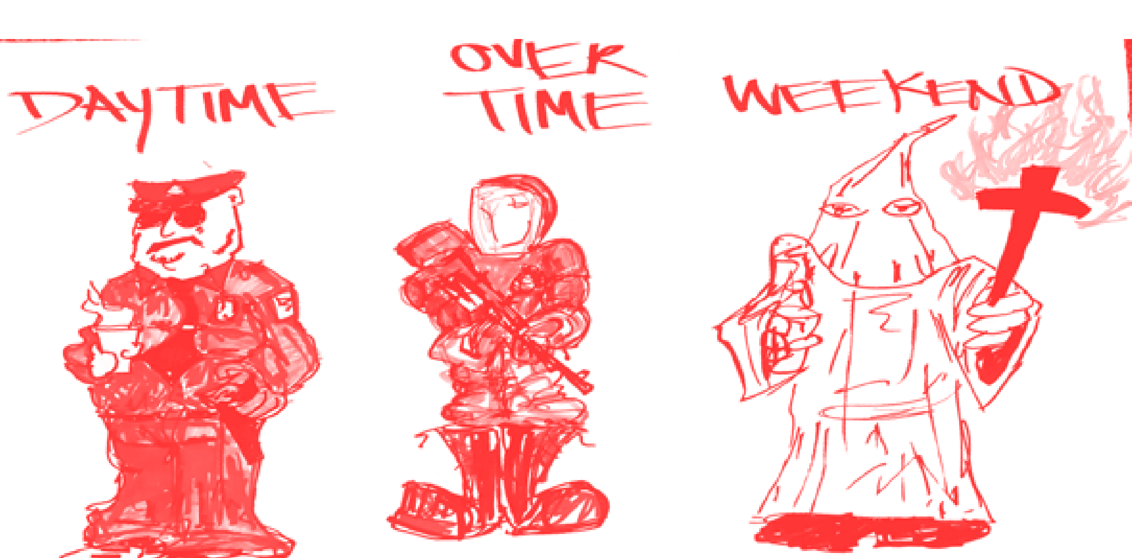
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KKKOPS & KKKOURTS KILL WILLIAM—

NO JUSTICE IN A RACIST SYSTEM



Mama, mama can't you see
What the system's done to me
Lock us up and shoot us down
Ain't no justice in this town!'

UPPER MARLBORO, MD, December 4, 2023- -For 10 days, members of Progressive Labor Party (PLP), Prince George's County Police Accountability Team, Coalition of Concerned Mothers, and West Wednesday Coalition joined family members in filling the courtroom for the trial of Michael Owen, Jr., the cop who had killed William 'Boo Boo' Green. William was no threat to the cop, who shot him six times at point-blank range while he was handcuffed behind his back in the front of a police cruiser. William had been detained after passing out in his car and hitting some parked cars.

Racist kkkourt exonerates killer kkkop

The Prince George's County State Attorney had charged cop Owen with 2nd-degree murder and he had been kept in jail since 2020. The family received a $20 million settlement from the County through a civil suit and had continued to push for justice by demanding that the state not offer a plea deal but take the case to trial. During the trial, there was no evidence that William had been a threat, but the officer's dishonest testimony about the events in the car claimed that the handcuffed man had hit him with a shoulder, that the cop's gun came out of his holster, and that in a supposed fight for the gun, he had no choice but to shoot because he was "afraid I could die." The jury returned a NOT GUILTY verdict in 90 minutes.

Enraged by the verdict, the family and friends immediately set up a press conference to express their anger that a killer cop is now free. PLP members from Baltimore and Prince George's County mobilized and made up about half of the crowd of 50 people. Palpable anger about a long history of police murderers surged through the group. The names are familiar even as details vary. Tawanda Jones from West Wednesday in Baltimore called out the system that murdered her brother and said, "Capitalism has to go."

No justice under racist capitalism

How did the criminal injustice system work its magic to exonerate yet another killer? Several technical issues of unfairness were raised. The jury selection was not done in public, and even though the jury was predominately Black it was also true that Owen is Black. Second-degree murder requires intent, which was never suggested by the prosecution. Owen's history of killing another county resident along with multiple complaints of excessive force was never introduced. The prosecution's cross-examination of Owen (who took the stand, an unusual, usually desperate defense tactic) did not question his story despite the absence of William's DNA on the gun and the state's evaluation of the police car showed no evidence of any struggle. Unnecessarily repetitive instructions to the jury about self-defense were part of the judge's charges to the jury just before they filed out to deliberate. Despite organizers' pressure on the prosecution to seriously prosecute over several years, it looks like the State's Attorney's prosecutors deliberately threw the case. There is no legal way to appeal the failure of prosecutors to prosecute competently – we saw institutional state power in action here!

The family is now looking to the U.S. Department of Justice to consider civil rights violations by Owen at the Federal Level.

Members of PLP have been actively engaged at each step of the way and during the trial, several of us had good lunchtime conversations with family and friends about the role of prosecutors, the criminal legal system, and capitalism. CHALLENGE was widely distributed at the press conference and welcomed by many with whom we have joined over the years in Prince George's County.

The real story here is that, like the Freddy Gray trials in Baltimore in which multiple police were charged but freed by the court, justice is absent from the capitalist system. The court system of the capitalist class is functioning just as intended – pretending to care about justice but actively working to strengthen the hand of the police in carrying out racist and fascist actions on behalf of the ruling class. These cases also show that Black cops are the same as white cops and all do the ruler's bidding. We must build PLP to destroy this racist capitalist system, even as we fight each case, from Archie Elliott III in 1993 to William in 2020✪.

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OUR FIGHT

☆Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to destroy capitalism and the dictatorship of the capitalist class. We organize workers, soldiers and youth into a revolutionary movement for communism.

☆The dictatorship of the working class — communism—can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today's world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.

☆Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world's workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.

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☆Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society's benefits and burdens.

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☆Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women— sexism—and divisive gender roles created by the class society.

☆Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.

☆Communism means that the minds of millions of workers must become free from religion's false promises, unscientific thinking and poisonous ideology. Communism will triumph when the masses of workers can use the science of dialectical materialism to understand, analyze and change the world to meet their needs and aspirations.

☆Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

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Editorial

Imperialist profit drives genocide & wider wars

As the Israeli rulers' bloodbath in Gaza reaches new depths, it's no accident that inter-imperialist conflict is widening around the world's largest strategic reserves of oil and gas. The latest capitalist disaster began with a ruthless, anti-worker terror attack by Hamas and a genocidal response by the state terrorist Israeli "Defense" Forces (IDF). Now it has spread into IDF violence in the occupied West Bank and bloody fights in at least four neighboring countries: Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Yemen (Guardian, 12/26/23). This knife's-edge volatility marks the snowballing decline of the old U.S.-led world order and the rise of competing imperialist bosses in China and Russia. Along with Ukraine, Taiwan, and the South and East China Seas, the Middle East is a prime potential flashpoint for World War III.

In Syria, months of airstrikes against pro-Iran militias have failed to stop drone attacks on U.S. bases there (National Public Radio, 11/9/23). In Lebanon, Iran's proxy forces in Hezbollah are firing rockets and drones at military posts and border towns in Israel, forcing the evacuation of 60,000 residents. Not to be outdone, the IDF has bombed Lebanon daily, displacing 74,500 people and killing 160 (ABC News, 12/28/23). Israel's rulers say they are ready to open a second front in a war that could soon get much bigger (New York Times, 12/27/23).

If anything, the tempo of these clashes seems to be quickening. On Christmas Day, U.S. airstrikes targeted Iran-backed forces in Iraq. On December 31, U.S. Navy helicopters sank three Yemeni Houthi boats in the Red Sea after reports of an attempted maritime hijacking (abcnews.go.com, 12/31/23). On January 2, a top Hamas official was assassinated by a drone strike outside Beirut. One day later, in a rare terror attack inside Iran, explosions massacred more than one hundred mourners on the anniversary of the U.S. assassination of General Qassim Suleimani.

Worldwide, the imperialists' battle for supremacy is reshaping alliances and escalating their struggle to control markets, resources, and labor—a struggle at the hideous heart of the capitalist profit system. According to the Carter Doctrine, as proclaimed in 1980 by U.S. President Jimmy Carter: "An attempt by any outside force to gain control of the Persian Gulf region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests" of the U.S., and "will be repelled by any means necessary, including military force." More than forty years later, we are witnessing the legacy of the president who supposedly championed "human rights": the horrific suffering in Gaza.

Joe Biden: war criminal in chief

Make no mistake—it's the U.S. bosses' "vital interests" in oil and gas that compel their cold-blooded support for Israel's ethnic cleansing in the Gaza Strip. Back in October, Yoav Gallant, Israel's goose-stepping defense minister, made the Zionist regime's plans clear: "There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel....We are fighting human animals, and we are acting accordingly." The predictable results: the internal displacement of more than 80 percent of Gaza's population, looming mass starvation, and the slaughter in plain sight of more than 22,000 people, two thirds of them women and children—or about "twice as many women and children in two months...as Russian forces have killed in Ukraine in nearly two years" (cbc.ca, 12/30/23). According to a former United Nations war crimes investigator, "the density of Israel's first month of bombardment in Gaza" has no parallel since the U.S. genocide in Vietnam, nearly half a century ago (cnn.com, 12/22/23).

Many civilians have been slaughtered by monstrous 2,000-pound bombs dropped on Gaza City south of Rafah, where the IDF steered families to find safe shelter. The bombs have a "lethal fragmentation radius" of about 1,200 feet, an area equivalent to 58 soccer fields (cnn.com, 12/22/23). They are so blatantly criminal that the U.S. military death machine used only one of them in its no-holds-barred war against ISIS (cnn.com, 12/22/23). But since October 7, more than five thousand of these "bunker-busters" have been furnished to Israel by the same Joe Biden administration that's now publicly advising the Zionist baby killers to "minimize" civilian casualties (cnn.com, 12/22/23). They're the same pack of shameless liberal liars who vetoed a December 8, 2023 cease-fire resolution at the UN Security Council.

Workers everywhere must fight back against U.S. imperialist's atrocities. At the same time, we must call out the regional gangsters who run Israel and Iran, along with "national liberation" misleaders like Hamas. Under capitalism, wars are fueled by the rulers' need for maximum profit. There can never be world peace as long as the bosses are grasping for their next dollar. Only the international working class, organized for communist revolution by Progressive Labor Party (PLP), can end imperialist war by smashing the bosses and their states. Only our class can cure the fatal diseases of nationalism, racism, and sexism for all time.

Imperialists sharpen knives for oil

Of the ten countries with the largest proven oil reserves, five are in the Persian Gulf region: Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait, with close to a trillion barrels of oil among them (Oilprice.com, 4/24/23). Four of those countries are also among the top ten for proven reserves of natural gas (www.worldometers.info, 2023). It's worth noting that significant oil and gas deposits were recently discovered off the coasts of Lebanon, Israel, and Gaza.

Despite U.S. rulers' warnings to stay out of the Gulf, Russia and China are infiltrating the region. In 2018, Russian military support led torture king Bashar al-Assad to a civil war victory over his equally brutal U.S.-backed enemies. Last year, China Premier Xi Jinping brokered a "peace" summit to restore diplomatic ties between long-time rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran. The October 7 attack by Hamas, possibly orchestrated by the vicious mullahs of Iran, shattered U.S. plans to reconcile Israel's Zionist bosses with the Saudi rulers (CNBC, 10/12/23).

With backing from both Russia and China, Iran has funded and armed the Houthis in Yemen, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and Kataib Hezbollah in Iraq—all sworn enemies of U.S. interests. After nine years of devastating civil war, the Houthi bosses control a strategic area of northern Yemen that borders the Red Sea, the gateway to the Suez Canal—"a vital artery for container ships and fuel tankers," including major oil interests (New York Times, 12/19/23). Despite a U.S.-backed Saudi bombing campaign that wiped out tens of thousands of civilians, the Houthis remain defiant.

Join the fight for communism

With no end in sight to Israel's mass murder in Gaza, weakness in the U.S. ruling class has been exposed for all to see. Anti-Zionist sentiment and condemnation of Israeli apartheid rule in its occupied territories are at all-time highs around the world. Notwithstanding the trap of Palestinian nationalism, honest workers' eyes are opening to the hypocrisy of liberal U.S. misleaders. Workers are turning against the Democrats and threatening not to vote for Biden this November. As U.S. politicians keep funding Israeli genocide, a militant anti-war movement is sprouting. Workers in Los Angeles, New York, and Chicago shut down holiday access to airports. Others disrupted the lavish Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day.

As communists, we need to be in this struggle to combat the leadership's dead-end nationalism with internationalism. But street protests won't be enough to end the bosses' butchery. We need to organize soldiers in all capitalist-led armies to turn the guns around for communist revolution. Only a revolutionary communist party, PLP, can lead this fight to smash imperialist war. Only a united international working class can create a world run by and for workers, where the bosses' profit-driven wars will be a distant memory. Join us!J

Students, workers, families—

Smash genocide & fascist censorship

NEW YORK CITY, January 2—When a public school teacher was removed for taking a stance against genocide, students led the way in organizing against this fascist attack. Incidents like this illustrate the capitalist crisis: amid growing volatility and war tensions, the bosses are losing ideological control of the classrooms. An attack on teachers is an attack on student learning conditions, signaling to young people that they are disposable if they do not parrot racist ruling-class ideas. This is an opportunity to expose the bosses' system and build a movement for an antiracist world.

The attack and response

After weeks of unspeakable carnage visited on the working class of the Gaza strip by the forces of the racist, Zionist Israeli state, a strong letter signed by dozens of student clubs representing hundreds of angry youth was delivered to the principal of one of New York City's largest high schools. This letter blasted the administration for homicidally deleting Palestinian life from its public registration of grief and memorialization, a cornerstone of the ideological architecture that has been facilitating Palestinian genocide for the better part of a century.

To repress dissent, the Department of Education (DoE) bosses ejected an antiracist teacher from their NYC public high school building and placed them under investigation all because this educator vocally supported this courageous mass student movement against genocide. They were escorted out without charge, supposedly to protect youth, but political dissidents are more quickly than teachers accused of physical violence or racism.

The response from students, alumni and co-workers was immediate in defense of the dedicated antiracist educator. An email campaign began a flood of statements of support that continues to grow in strength.

This educator joins an expanding number of workers and youth on the job and on campuses across the world who have faced repression for taking a stand against U.S.-backed genocide in the Gaza strip. In NYC, a pre-K teacher was targeted for using children's books to explain Palestinian history in her class. Another teacher has faced calls for his removal for pro-Palestine social media posts. Bay Area teachers have also faced reprisals for holding teach-ins against genocide. Meanwhile in Maryland, four teachers have been placed on indefinite administrative leave for so much as emailing their support of the working class of Palestine.

Education, a battleground

The bosses need schools to produce workers that will produce and have the necessary nationalism for future wars. Fascist responses are a sign of the bosses' weakness, not strength. In this context, all teachers have a role to play in equipping students to develop a clear understanding of the world. We must teach and model the practice of interrogating what we hear. That the ruling class has succeeded in building a school culture where some educators agree that it is "inappropriate" to struggle alongside students for politically and ethically principled positions that critically interrogate the role their institutions play in extermination is a clear indicator of growing fascism.

Nazi leaders worked to influence young people in youth groups, in their families, and on the streets. Schools also had a key role to play. After the Nazis came to power in 1933, they quickly passed new laws to make public education reflect and teach their nationalist and racial ideologies. Jewish teachers were fired from their posts, and other teachers were encouraged to join the National Socialist Teachers League; by 1936, over 97 percent of teachers were members. Nazi leaders also created new curricula and textbooks to be used throughout the country. ("Schooling for the National Community" Facing History, 8/2016)

Taking a page from the Nazi playbook, DOE Chancellor David Banks has repeatedly issued a policy that supposedly prohibits all political speech in schools. This is despite Banks hypocritically sending mass emails to all DOE staff full-throated defending the actions of Israel. The DOE's bloodthirsty rallying around the flag has greenlit the targeted murder of a hundred United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) teachers, mass displacement of students, and the bombing of every single university in the Gaza Strip. Indeed, since October 7th the indiscriminate slaughter of the workers and youth of the Gaza strip (see box) has not elicited one peep of condemnation from NYC education bosses.

The ideological veil wrapping its gag order around the throats of student outcry is as predictable as it is shameless. While the NYPD counter-terrorism squad has been sicced on Hillcrest High School students who mobilized in late November against their teacher's public participation in a series of pro-Israel rallies calling for–among other things–"No Cease Fire!", that teacher has not been investigated despite openly causing a disruption at school. In fact, the principal of that school, on December 22, received a promotion to work in the central offices of the NYC public schools. Meanwhile antiracist educators are swiftly disciplined.

It is no accident that the bosses have recently unveiled that they will soon roll out a uniform, top-down curriculum throughout all of the NY school system to further repress dissent and to create a further hedge against working class antiracist and anti-imperialist action.

What's to be done?

Bosses who proclaim the need for 'trauma-informed' and 'culturally sustaining' education have traumatized students organizing against genocide. The removal of teachers aims for a fascist chilling effect, but the righteous anger of youth and workers will defeat these attempts to silence anti-war voices.

Student anger is not going to simply melt away. Every day without a committed antiracist teacher is a slap in the face to their aspirations to live in a world free from the scourges of racism and genocide. A follow up-email blasting the principal for ignoring the student letter against genocide and racism was sent recently indicating strong resolution to pick up the struggle against imperialist war in the new year.

Stitching together disparate instances of repression into a strong, internationalist, antiracist movement will be at the forefront of anti-fascist organizing in 2024. Some jobs and positions will be won, others will be lost. Ruling classes of incomparable bloodthirst hold sway. Lives lost to the bombs of US imperialism are forever gone. If you are angered by this, you are an internationalist. The ruling class illusions of "free speech" are eroding as capitalists continue to repress workers who step out of line. Workers sense that a better world is possible, rooted in science and justice. They are organizing against this outright mutilation of reality to create a world in which youth are not repressed but are leaders of the revolution.

If you want to fight...

If you want to take action against genocide and fascist repression of those who take a stand against it you have a choice—to join the Progressive Labor Party. Our class will feel its strength as masses move beyond the borders of nationalism to defend targeted friends and comrades. In the crucible of class struggle the growth of a revolutionary communist party from hundreds to thousands and eventually to millions means that communism itself is transformed from an idea into a material force with the power to defeat all bosses, erase all borders, and inaugurate a classless society that is the only true basis for peace and justice for the working people of the world.✪

80+ Days of Genocide in Numbers

22,313 people murdered:
9,100 of whom are children

57,296 injured

7,000 missing

2.3 million displaced

Countless diseases due to lack of clean water and sanitation

58,000 tonnes of high explosives used (equivalent to two nuclear bombs)

355,000 housing units

370 schools and universities

203 houses of worship

23 out of 36 hospitals taken out of service

53 other health centers

104 Ambulances

'I was removed for speaking against genocide'

Since 10/7/23, the Israeli state has continued genocidal bombardment on the Gaza strip. This disproportionate retaliation has killed more than 20,000, including at least 6,000 children. Whistleblowers in the Israeli Defense Force's own ranks report using artificial intelligence named "The Gospel" to airstrike densely populated areas, "'Nothing happens by accident. When a 3-year-old girl is killed in a home in Gaza, it's because someone in the army decided it wasn't a big deal for her to be killed" (+972 Magazine, 11/30/23). This carnage has been fully backed by a Democratic president and a ruling class of liberal fascists.

On the US side, children are also being targeted by liberal fascist Democratic mayors like Eric Adams in NYC. The NYC schools chancellor, David A. Banks, has made it clear that "politics" are to be barred from schools, except of course unless one speaks unconditionally in favor of Israel.

I know firsthand the fascism that teachers are dealing with. Since 10/7, Muslim students at my school have been afraid to come to school and to participate in after-school activities. With the murder of a 6-year-old Palestinian in Chicago and the shooting of three Palestinian students in Vermont, the students at my school are understandably afraid. I attempted to solicit support for a student letter asking that my school take a stance against genocide.

In response, I was removed from my own classroom without ever being told any charges. I "disappeared" from school which sends a signal to students that those who stand against racism are targets—that the students that I can no longer teach are acceptable collateral if it chills dissent.

But we will not be silenced! A hundred letters of support across parents, students, and alumni have reached my school. Faculty have begun to organize. Consciousness is being raised. PLP is ready to fight back. The ruling class must not be allowed to make teachers and students disposable. As we organize under conditions of rising fascism, internationalism is necessary more than ever. No worker from Gaza to NYC should ever be an acceptable casualty of fascism. We must resolve to unify and fight for communism, a future in which the international working class finally has the schools that they deserve.

International Solidarity...

The following are letters from just some of the organizing against the imperialist genocide in Gaza. Are you organizing where you are? Tell us about it. Do you want to push past the limits of what the bosses have to offer? Push for communist ideas and join the International Progressive Labor Party!

Haiti

HAITI, December 28—Progressive Labor Party (PLP) here in Haiti is organizing for our annual "Soupe de Solidarité" on New Year's Day. It is a celebration of the successful fight in Haiti against slavery and colonization by the French slave masters. Before Jan. 1, 1804, soupe joumou (pumpkin soup) was reserved only for the slave masters and their minions; afterwards, the former slaves relished their soup, not only for its tastiness but as a reminder of their fight for justice against racism and slavery.

This year, we are dedicating our soup in class solidarity with the workers and students of Palestine—Gaza and the West Bank—who are facing a brutal genocide at the hands of their capitalist oppressors in Israel, and against those imperialist powers complicit in the brutality. We in Haiti know from bitter experience that capitalism and imperialism have created the conditions of poverty and despair—and an eagerness to fight back—that we both face.

We charge the imperialists, especially the U.S., Canada, and France, with sharing a bloody history of supporting Israeli bosses' aggression and racism, much as they did and continue to do in Haiti. Just as the workers and students of Palestine are under occupation, so too will Haiti be, again, with the coming of U.N. troops from Kenya and other African countries (as if we should welcome oppressors in black skin), supposedly to be peacekeepers. Imperialism needs colonial violence; clearing the land of Indigenous peoples to make room for settlers; imposing and entrenching that land theft with police or military violence; stealing resources and the value of our labor, trying to normalize inequality, etc.

Our young comrades are taking the lead in organizing the day's activities with their families, neighbors, and classmates. As we shop, cook, serve, and eat together, we will have yet another opportunity to discuss with them the need for international working-class solidarity to fight against all the misery that is baked into capitalism and imperialism in its eternal bloody quest for profits and control. We will talk about the need to reject nationalism as a response to this brutality; all our alliances must be with our class, not with the national bourgeoisie, who only want to maintain capitalism and become the masters themselves. And, most importantly, we will talk about the need to fight for communism, an egalitarian society that will serve the needs of workers and students everywhere, under the leadership of the PLP.

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Washington D.C

PLP comrades took the lead in introducing a resolution at the November meeting of our transit union calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and an end to military aid to Israel. It passed overwhelmingly! Later we used that resolution to bolster the fight for the reinstatement of teachers put on leave for pro-Palestinian posts in Maryland.

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New York City

Brooklyn, NY, December 17—PLP comrades rallied in an immigrant community where we've been organizing for many years. We called for fightback against the genocide of Palestinians in Gaza and for refugees, displaced people, and migrants all over the world. Despite the rain we distributed 300 leaflets and 200 CHALLENGEs to a receptive community.

The National Writers Union (NWU), a union of freelance media workers and authors, was the first national union in North America to make a public statement against the ethnic cleansing of Gaza by the State of Israel. PLP members have been active in NWU for some time. As of December 26, 2023, of the 1,200 Palestinian journalists and media workers based in Gaza at the start of the war, 102 have been killed. In solidarity with the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, NWU donated $10,000 to the International Federation of Journalists Safety Fund to provide journalists in Gaza and the West Bank with helmets, flak jackets, battery charges and more.

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Women workers in Bogota, Colombia, protesting genocide of workers in Gaza

Colombia

BOGOTÁ—There have been about 15 marches in Bogotá denouncing the U.S.-Israeli genocide and apartheid violence against workers in Palestine, most organized by anti-Zionist youth groups. There have been sit-ins at the Palestinian embassy as well as several conferences organized by the unions where the genocide of workers in Palestine has been exposed. Several groups of militant young people belonging to different groups are holding neighborhood rallies that expose the ongoing bloodshed in the Gaza Strip. My dad and other colleagues have been accompanying me. Some of these initiatives have lowered their intensity due to the holidays, but future sit-ins are being planned for the week after.

We have been distributing CHALLENGE and raising the the party's line whenever possible, explaining to workers that 75 years of imperialist occupation and its atrocities will never be resolved with the creation of a Palestinian state,as many of these collectives and revisionist groups call for, that is being pushed by the fake leftist Petro who openly supports the UN and its liberal policies in favor of a "more humane and regulated" war. We openly propose that war is a symptom of the degradation of the imperialist capitalist system. The only solution to genocide from Gaza to Sudan is a class war for communism. It is only when the capitalist, imperialist system is smashed that we can stop the

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Mexico



Thousands of workers in Mexico City hit the streets in solidarity with workers in Palestine. From Gaza, Palestine to Guerrero, Mexico, capitalism and its walls must be destroyed!

Progressive Labor Party members and friends in Mexico have participated in four demonstrations against the war in Palestine. In two of them we have carried flyers with the communist analysis of the situation in Gaza that have been published in CHALLENGE. One of those demonstrations was organized by the teachers of Oaxaca, where the party has been organized for decades, and there was a massive distribution. Our analysis is generally well received, but in the leadership of the protests a nationalist line predominates that supports Gaza without distinguishing the workers in Palestine and workers in Israel with the capitalist oppressors that run both the Israeli knesset (parliament), the Palestinian Authority, and Hamas in Palestine. For this reason, some workers receive our pro-international working-class position with reserve and criticism.

We have also held meetings in our collective to analyze the international situation and especially in Gaza, to improve our understanding and bring it to our base. We have had a couple of virtual meetings with colleagues from Colombia on the topic. Three weekends ago we had an activity in an industrial neighborhood with teachers and workers, in which the analysis of the party was presented, which was very well received and was linked to the situation that workers in Mexico are experiencing.

Though the actions our collective has taken have been small, they have led to the sharpening of our class' understanding of capitalism, imperialism, and are deepening our solidarity with our brothers in other parts of the world. Each meeting we organize helps us plant seeds for the future. Every worker we win to the Party brings us a step closer to building a communist world of social equality, where solidarity and collectivity prevail.

...to Smash Genocide

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endless cycle of war and bloodshed over imperialist competition for resources like oil.



New Jersey

Clifton, December 28—Multiracial masses of workers and students across New Jersey continue to join the international working class in exposing capitalism for its profit-hungry genocide in Gaza and the racist poisoning of nationalism that protects it. On December 28, comrades from the Revolutionary Communist Progressive Labor Party joined about 80 other antiracist fighters in protesting outside of military defense contractor L3Harris, in Clifton, NJ. Amid handing out CHALLENGE, when we asked workers at the L3Harris protest why this particular action was important and what role capitalism plays in connecting L3Harris to the genocide in Gaza, workers responded: "This company is making money from it! Look at workers across Canada. They have blocked this and other defense companies from shipping materials to Israel! This defense company has also helped militarize the U.S. border!"

Building comradery and trust over our common rage towards capitalist borders and genocide warmed us up to express to workers how nationalism is holding workers back from finally overthrowing capitalism. As a Jewish worker we met at another recent protest formulated, in this mass fightback fewer have trouble understanding the backwardness of Israeli nationalism. There it means the ruling class fearmongers Jewish workers into linking their own safety with the national interests of their bosses. This works to poison them with the idea that slaughtering Palestinian workers in Gaza and suppressing antiracist workers elsewhere is necessary.

When asked in return by a great young couple, what is the most revolutionary thing that needs to be said right now, we shared how the history of the 20th century reveals replacing one nationalism for another has kept capitalism alive. In other words, fighting for national liberation from a colonial or imperialist power has been insufficient. Fighting for the genocide of Palestinians to end on the basis of nationalist liberation allows a set of "progressive" bosses to use our uprising as workers to seize state power and continue benefiting from exploiting the working class within their borders.

Workers worldwide are looking to the Palestinian struggle for answers to our own fights against the same capitalist system. To establish a society that organizes the international working class to actively suppress the bosses' exploitation and destroy it is a conclusion harder to make from this fight. We need to continue to do the life-long work of building fightback side by side and expose the bosses' contradictions that weaken their nationalist grip against a growing communist practice of working-class internationalism.

SOUTH ORANGE, NJ, December 31—Progressive Labor Party comrades and friends joined a weekly protest near our homes, in South Orange, NJ demanding a Ceasefire in Palestine/Israel. We continue to see this struggle draw folks to become more militant. There we responded to leadership from a woman supporting the protest and spontaneously shouting we needed to do more. We took her seriously and asked what she suggested. She responded: workers need to make their unions go on strike. We need to connect more what's happening in Gaza with the lives of workers in the U.S. She was identifying with workers' power! Therefore, we shared how electrifying it was to recently participate with a multiracial group of workers, locally and abroad, in directly confronting L3 Harris military defense bosses over the bloody profits they make from this slaughter. We encouraged her to share her ideas with the crowd. She ended up leading chants and speaking a couple of times. In return for being inspired by one of us she vouched for us to give a speech. Here's an excerpt:



Workers in South Orange, NJ (top left and right) protesting genocide and apartheid violence in solidarity with workers in Palestine. Bottom left and right workers in Clifton, NJ protest genocidal L3 Harris, one of the capitalist butchers manufacturing the weapons used to exterminate workers in Gaza.

"...the L3Harris action demonstrates another way workers can directly confront regional bosses over the limits of their genocidal system at the physical doorsteps where they produce their profits. We need to also see this as an exercise in challenging their power over the state and spread this idea for more workers to seize its potential...From local municipalities all the way to the federal level "progressive" politicians have allowed fascist resolutions attacking antiracist workers or have betrayed measures against genocide vowing down to their U.S. ruling class masters and Zionist interests. The current fightback in nearby West Orange shows this...Therefore, we need to make challenging the bosses over their state power primary over putting our confidence in any politician...The more we do this the more we can see a massive multiracial working class united against racism and imperialism is what fascists need to be afraid of, not the other way around."

Many workers took CHALLENGE and leaflets explaining how the history of nationalism in Palestine/Israel has contributed to the latest atrocities. We received encouragement from workers to say more!

Learning to challenge the bosses' control over their states in the fight against genocide now, will build our confidence to finally rip power from their hands once and for all and fight for a world where workers rule without money, racist divisions, nations, and genocide – that's communism!✪

Israel



ISRAEL, December 22— Around 100 antiracist workers and youth protested in Jerusalem against the murderous terror campaign against the working class of Gaza. The antiracist protesters called for a ceasefire, demonstrating the need for multiracial unity. Progressive Labor Party calls for workers to turn the gun around. Wage war against the ruling class, fight for the international working class.

Solidarity, not silence—

Multiracial unity exposes Zionist education bosses



130 workers in Maryland gathered outside Board of Education to protest fascist repression against educators, speaking out against genocide

MARYLAND, December 19, 2023—Tonight the fight against Zionist efforts to intimidate teachers who have supported Palestinian workers in Gaza took another step forward. The teachers have not been content to rely only on grievance procedures and lawyers but have continued to organize and speak up. Over 130 protestors gathered outside the Board of Education tonight in the cold to support the "Solidarity Not Silence" campaign. Parents, teachers, students, and community members vigorously chanted, "When teachers are under attack, what do we do, stand up, fight back!" and "Jewish, Arab, Black and white, workers of the world unite." After several sharp speeches from teachers, members of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP), Jewish Voice For Peace, and Palestinian students, a group of about 50 marched over to the building where the closed meeting was being held and chanted and pounded on the windows. PLP members distributed nearly 50 CHALLENGEs with articles about this struggle and the fight at the American Public Health Association (CHALLENGE, 1/3).

Anti-Zionist teachers attacked

At least five teachers have now been put on administrative leave since November 15 in this wealthy county on the border of Washington DC. A Takoma Park Middle School teacher was charged with antisemitism because of Facebook posts protesting the massive attacks on Palestinian civilians by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF). Another teacher had a tagline on her email that said, "From the river to the sea" and is being attacked for having something "political" -- a charge that has not been used against others with a variety of political slogans. One of the teachers at the rally said, "I am not surprised at the attack since the 'progressive' community can't handle this issue - they separate over Israel." Indeed the county has a reputation for being liberal but last year the council passed a resolution that "anti-Zionism is antisemitism" and this year the U.S. Congress did the same thing. Students at Towson University were disciplined and the organization, CASA, which serves the immigrant population had its funding cut. Obviously "free speech" does not extend to critiques of U.S. imperialism.

Focus on destroying capitalism

PLP members have the responsibility to move the discussion beyond free speech debates. One member summed up our outlook by stating "This is about the economic system of capitalism that depends on the exploitation and misery of the entire human population to survive. This is about the U.S. government's desperation to control resources such as oil, pipelines, and sea routes in the Middle East. ...Hundreds of thousands of workers around the world say no to the continued genocide of the Palestinians. Hamas, the PLO, these misleaders cannot be trusted to end the exploitation and murder of the workers in Palestine. Only an international movement against capitalism can free the workers of the world." After this everyone joined in the chant: Same Enemy, Same Fight, Workers of the World Unite!✪

Keep the ball rolling for sports integration

BROOKLYN, NY, January 2—The struggle continues two years after winning the fight to integrate two formerly separate sports programs on John Jay's Campus–one with mostly white and Asian students and another of mostly Black and Brown students. Under capitalism, we are constantly reminded that a win under this system is just the beginning and even as communists we can never let our guard down or coast on reform victories.

For the second year in a row the fall start of sports programs on campus continued to be combined but not integrated–leading to teams filled with mostly white and Asian players. Self-critically, the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) members in the school incorrectly focused on in-house fixes instead of making the struggle more mass and visible to bring together antiracist fighters in the building to fight back against these racist practices.

Inspired by a sharp antiracist flier written by PLP parents and others in 2017 that rocked the racist status quo and forced the Department of Education



(DoE) to combine the sports teams, one school's student government created and distributed hundreds of their fliers demanding that the sports teams on campus be truly integrated and that teams that do not look like the racial makeup of our campus not be allowed to compete. That flier will continue to be passed out in front of the school even as it spreads through students' social media.

Invigorated by the mostly positive response of their peers, the students plan to convene a forum to attract more students to the fight and to discuss and plan for when their demands are not met.

Capitalism forces our youth to compete against each other, fostering artificial and racist divisions that they will later use to divide white, Black, and Latin workers so that all can be oppressed and exploited for profit. PLP members on campus are committed to building anti-racist and integrated teams on and off the court. Fighting to expand an ever-growing group of multiracial students, parents, and staff to take on the racist attacks capitalism will continue to throw at us, is the only way forward. The struggle continues!✪

U.S.-Israel target Gaza and journalists

Since the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, which killed 1200 mostly civilians and took more than 200 hostages, workers around the world have been focused on the massive, Nazi-like ethnic cleansing being carried out in Gaza by the Israeli fascists and their U.S. imperialist partners. Millions have taken to the streets to oppose this racist genocide that threatens to become a much wider war. As of December 29, about 22,000 Palestinians have been killed, hundreds of thousands injured and more than 1.5 million have been displaced, mostly children.

Bosses kill workers exposing their genocide

Within this mass destruction of an unarmed civilian population, there is another target besides Hamas, a war against journalists and journalism. Of the 1,200 Palestinian journalists and media workers based in Gaza at the start of the war, 95 have been killed. Reporters Without Borders stated, "The Palestinian territory has been subjected to a veritable eradication of journalism."

Most of the media workers were specifically targeted by the Israeli military. According to information collected by the Palestinian Journalist Syndicate (PJS), at least 84 of the 95 were killed in "surgical" or sniper Israeli attacks that targeted either their homes or the area where they were covering news stories. Some received direct and specific threats to their lives from the Israeli military before they were killed. Hundreds of family members have also been killed in targeted strikes on journalists' homes.

On October 25, Al Jazeera's Gaza bureau chief Wael Al-Dahdouh lost his wife, daughter, son, and grandson in an Israeli airstrike on the home where they were sheltering in the Nuseirat refugee camp. Al-Dahdouh remained in Gaza City to continue his coverage of Israeli atrocities, despite threats made against him.

On November 8, a Zionist group published a false report that photojournalist Yasser Qudih and three other photographers had prior knowledge of the October 7 attacks. Reuters published one of Qudih's photos and categorically denied the false claims. Even though the group withdrew its false accusations, on November 13, four Israeli missiles targeted Qudih's home in southern Gaza and killed eight of his family members.

On November 22, Al Jazeera reporter Anas Al-Sharif received multiple phone calls from Israeli military officers instructing him to stop reporting and leave northern Gaza and that he was under surveillance. On December 11, an Israeli airstrike targeted his family home in Gaza's Jabalia refugee camp, killing his 90-year-old father.

On December 6, 2023, Al Jazeera correspondent Momen Al-Sharafi lost 22 family members—including his parents, siblings, their spouses, and nieces and nephews—in an Israeli airstrike on the home in Jabalia refugee camp where they had sought refuge.

Israel has not permitted foreign journalists into Gaza. On December 19, the Foreign Press Association ("FPA") in Jerusalem, representing about 370 journalists from 130 media outlets in more than 30 countries, filed a petition with the Israeli Supreme Court requesting immediate access to Gaza. Because foreign journalists have not been able to enter Gaza, Palestinian journalists are the world's only media eyewitnesses to the war crimes being committed by Biden and Netanyahu.

U.S. reporters against genocide fightback

This war is also being carried out, on a less violent but no less important level, within the U.S. Award-winning New York Times magazine writer Jazmine Hughes was forced to resign from the Times after signing a letter calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Nine reporters for the Los Angeles Times were suspended for 30 days from the regular beats for also signing a ceasefire letter. This intimidation and retaliation are creating a chilling effect in newsrooms around the country, already battered by mass layoffs, where media workers are afraid to speak out.

Media workers in three major unions are working together to overcome this fear. Workers have attended marches and rallies against the war and are planning a three-union, "Know Your Rights" panel to encourage media workers to speak out. Also, a report is being produced that will document retaliation taken against media workers for opposing Israeli/U.S. genocide in Gaza.

Two of these unions, the NewsGuild-CWA (the largest U.S. union of staff journalists) and the National Writers Union (a union of freelance media workers and authors) contributed $10,000 each to the International Federation of Journalists' Safety Fund to provide journalists in Gaza and the West Bank with helmets, flak jackets, battery charges and whatever else they need.

As we enter the New Year, the Dark Night of imperialism and growing wars is getting darker. The international working class is shackled by racism, nationalism, and religion without a mass communist movement to lead us. As the night gets darker, our light must burn brighter. Fighting back is winning. In the heat of class struggle our ideas can come to life and create the conditions for building a mass international Progressive Labor Party. ✪

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throughout Chicago, the Bay Area, and Israel-Palestine.

We held our line at the 300,000 strong New York People's Climate March and witnessed our communist chants spread throughout the crowd. We kept this same energy at weekly protests against gutter racists in Staten Island who are terrorizing migrants in shelters. We pushed for and demonstrated multiracial unity and internationalist communist fightback every step of the way.

In each of these fights, we exposed the bankruptcy of liberal identity politics, using the bosses' race, gender, and nationality ideas as a way to knock down the militant multiracial potential of our class. Again and again, we proclaimed that a boss is a boss and a cop is a cop. Both are in place to serve the interests of capital expansion. These political pawns are not allies but potentially ultimate traitors to our class. Our only victories happen when communist ideas catch on to the masses and, ultimately , when workers agree to join the PLP!

WE NEED A REVOLUTION!

Young comrades from Haiti to Newark are taking up leadership and steering the PLP into this future. They are reading and leading study groups around the writings of Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin and giving speeches from the picket lines to crowds of communists at our march on May Day. The youth are rising and learning how to hit the kill switch on this genocidal machine called capitalism.

As both the gutter-racist Republican and liberal-racist Democratic parties prepare to cripple the minds of billions in the next presidential election, we will continue to share with blue-collar and administrative workers, students, and elders alike the evidence that all bosses will fall in line and enforce the rules and laws that serve their interests, and the ideas that will be our spears to forge a world where workers come first.

In 2024 dare to struggle and dare to win, dare to hope and imagine the crises we can resolve when we keep our confidence in our class potential rather than the bound-to-betray bloodhounds that run our class from Gaza to Israel. We communists know that if workers join the fight, to rebuild the red army we so desperately need the days of racist police terror, capitalism, and imperialism are numbered and can one day be extinguished forever. Join us as we aim to win 2024 and the future beyond!✪



RED EYE ON THE NEWS . . .

Israeli-U.S. bombs destroy majority of Gazan homes

Al Jazeera, 12/31/23–Israel's relentless bombardment of Gaza for nearly three months has destroyed 70 percent of the homes in the besieged Palestinian enclave, according to the Government Media Office. About 300,000 out of 439,000 homes have been destroyed in Israeli attacks, a Wall Street Journal report said..."The word 'Gaza' is going to go down in history along with Dresden [Germany] and other famous cities that have been bombed," Robert Pape, a political scientist at the University of Chicago... In nearly two months, the offensive has wreaked more destruction than the razing of Syria's Aleppo between 2012 and 2016, Ukraine's Mariupol, or, proportionally, the Allied bombing of Germany in World War II... "Gaza is one of the most intense civilian punishment campaigns in history," said Pape.

DR Congo demands UN remove troops

France24, 12/19/23–Despite a volatile domestic situation, the Congolese government has for months been calling for an "accelerated" withdrawal of UN peacekeepers, from the end of 2023 rather than the end of 2024. It considers the UN force to be ineffective in protecting civilians from the armed groups and militias that have plagued the eastern DRC for three decades. The accusation is similar to that made by other African countries, notably Mali, which has demanded the emergency departure of the UN Minusma mission. In recent months, several Council members, notably the United States, have expressed doubts as to whether Congolese forces are ready to replace Monusco to ensure the security of the population. However, as UN missions cannot operate without the authorization of host countries, the DRC wants to force the Security Council's hand -- though its messaging has been less forceful than Mali's. Even as it complies with the DR Congo's demands, the Council is expected to underline its "concern over the escalation of violence" in the east and "tensions between Rwanda and the DRC,"... The first phase includes the withdrawal of peacekeepers from South Kivu province by the end of April 2024, beginning "before the end of 2023."

U.S.-China imperialists planning for war

Foreign Affairs, 12/12/23–Over the past decade, the prospect of Chinese military aggression in the Indo-Pacific has moved from the realm of the hypothetical to the war rooms of U.S. defense planners...With Taiwan as the assumed flash point, U.S. strategists have offered several theories about how such an attack might play out...First is a...conquest of Taiwan by China...A second path envisions a U.S.-led coalition beating back China's initial assault on the island...many strategists are concerned about a third, more catastrophic outcome...a direct war between the two great powers leading to uncontrolled escalation... nuclear weapons, thereby triggering Armageddon... Yet there is also a very different possibility, one that is not merely plausible but perhaps likely: a protracted conventional war between China and a U.S.-led coalition. Although such a conflict would be less devastating than nuclear war, it could exact enormous costs on both sides.

Oil war brewing in South America

Associated Press, 12/31/23–A British warship arrived in Guyana on Friday afternoon amid rising tensions from a border dispute between the former British colony and Venezuela...The HMS Trent's visit led Venezuela to begin military exercises a day earlier in the eastern Caribbean near its border with Guyana as the Venezuelan government presses its claim to a huge swath of its smaller neighbor...The dispute is over Essequibo, a sparsely populated region that is the size of Florida and rich in oil and minerals. Venezuela has long claimed it was cheated out of the territory when Europeans and the U.S. set the border...Venezuela on Thursday began military exercises involving 5,000 troops in the eastern Caribbean, citing the visit by the British patrol ship...Guyana has controlled Essequibo for decades, but Venezuela revived its historical claim to the region earlier this month through a referendum in which voters were asked whether the territory should be turned into a Venezuelan state... Venezuela says it was the victim of a land theft conspiracy in 1899 when Guyana was a British colony and arbitrators from Britain, Russia, and the United States decided the boundary.

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Barely 24 hours into 2024, workers shut it down, ruining the bosses' holidays, blocking roads on the way to JFK, LaGuardia, and Chicago Airports, and keeping the fighting spirit of solidarity alive as bombs continue to incinerate our siblings and children in Gaza. Workers on the West Coast rang in the New Year by swarming the U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi's residence in San Francisco, and others surrounded D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, demanding the liberal fascist politicians heed our cries for ceasefire in Gaza.

Despite the nonstop agitation, U.S. President Joe Biden, for the second time, bypassed Congress to send more weapons to Israel. It is a grave mistake to think that our conditions from 2023 will not carry into 2024 if we leave the bosses in charge of our destiny.

As the war drums sound toward World War III, U.S. rulers on both sides of the ruling class will be forced to make concessions to pacify workers. As military recruitment and trust in this system continues to tank, the liberal bosses and their Trump flag waving fascist counterparts will pull all the stops out all tricks to fool us into choosing sides, pledge their allegiance to U.S.flag, and sign up and die in their next world war, deciding which imperialist power will be top dog.

As we ring in 2024, demands for a ceasefire will forever ring hollow as long as the demand for oil and global supremacy over Chinese and Russian bosses grow louder and stronger. Whether it's Gaza or Sudan, 1948 or 2023 as long as capitalist democracy exists genocide will always be mainstay for this decaying rotten imperialist capitalist system. But Progressive Labor Party has a brighter vision for our class. From Vietnam, Iraq, to Palestine, every year for 60 years, PLP has put forth our solution to the non-stop cycle of war, racism, sexism, and the infinite list of horrors it breeds.

Our 2024 resolution to the perpetual crisis of capitalism in 2024 and beyond is to organize the international working class from every corner of the capitalist globe to fight back, and turn every battle against capitalism and imperialism–big or small– into a class war for communist revolution. To achieve our goal we need to organize in our schools, on the job, in our neighborhoods, in our homes here and abroad, and inject our antiracist, antisexist, communist, internationalist ideas We need to organize millions of workers to join the Party and organize a global red army of workers, so we can turn imperialist wars into a class war for communism to smash these racist butchers once and for all.

As we look back at 2023, remember all the historical lessons and triumphs of the international working class from the Haitian, Bolshevik, and Chinese communist revolutions to the on the job and school strikes, to anti-war demonstrations, and the decades of class struggle against racist oppression and apartheid; from South Africa, to India, and Gaza Palestine as they illuminate our potential.



LONG LIVE THE FIGHT OF THE WORKING CLASS

In the Bronx and Illinois, PL'ers fought the racist courts alongside the family and community members of Raymond Chaluisant, a Latin man murdered by a killer Corrections Officer; Hadi Abuatelah, an Arab teenager who was jumped by kkkops; and Murod Kurdi, killed by a white drunk driver. We disrupted many court hearings and consistently exposed the phony order of the racist injustice system.

In Brooklyn, brave students occupied the offices of administrators at Kingsborough Community College in protest of racist charges against four students.

In Haiti, we organized a community kitchen, preparing large pots of food as a way to build familial bonds with our class siblings in the struggle and challenge the individualist "chak koukouy klere pou je w" or "everyone for themself" ideology of capitalist bosses.

In Newark, we fought back against the school district for firing a Latin antiracist teacher over attending a rally with his students in NYC. We defended students who walked out of their high schools in solidarity with workers in Gaza and showed this same fiery militancy when gutter racists and liberal administrators attacked teachers from San Francisco to Brooklyn for standing with these students.

PL'ers in the American Public Health Association (APHA) celebrated their 40th year sharpening struggle within the organization and took over the recent conference in Atlanta with communist ideas and rallying. As a result, many workers stood beside our leadership, and the APHA bosses were forced to make a statement supporting Palestine, showing our potential to shift power from the bosses to thousands of workers in the association.

From NYC to Chicago to Worcester to D.C., we stood beside healthcare workers, transit workers, and auto workers, striking against crummy conditions, budget cuts, and layoffs. The Covid-19 pandemic, in which hundreds of thousands of workers were killed by the bosses' neglect and carelessness in the face of deadly disease, exposed how fragmented and racist the capitalist infrastructure really is. To top it off, many of these bosses are still riding high from inflating costs and overburdening workers with new levels of exploitative labor. These extreme conditions gave us PL'ers righteous fury that boosted us to shout out our communist ideas and practices that can smash this system.

For the 500th time, a multiracial group of workers rallied for West Wednesday (an ongoing commemoration of Tyrone West, a Black man murdered by police) with a 22 vehicle-long caravan. We roared NO MORE police terrorism on the streets of Baltimore!

On May Day, the international workers' holiday , we marched among hundreds of workers through the pouring rain in NYC, waving our red flags high and passing the torch to Black, Latin, Asian, and white students to take the mic and inspire the crowd to press on through struggle! We also marched

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CHALLENGE strives to be the communist paper for and by the international working class. We call on all readers, supporters, and comrades to submit class struggle articles, analytical pieces, original photos and graphics, letters, and political cartoons.

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